

Remark

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 37-40 are new. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-40 are present for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-19 and 24-36 are allowed. These claims remain in the application. The Examiner has further indicated that Claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of Claim 20. Claim 20 has been rewritten to incorporate Claim 21. Accordingly Claim 20 is believed to be allowable. Claims 21-23 depend from amended Claim 20 and are believed to be allowable therefore as well as for the limitation specifically set forth in each claim, respectively.

New claims have been added very closely based on the allowable claims mentioned above. These new claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as the underlying allowed claims. New claims 37-40 are based on allowable claims 15-17 and 19 but recast as method claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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